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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Benson E. Legg
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
Northern Division
Garmatz Federal Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Re: Hayfield, Inc. v. Williams Communications, Inc., et al.
Civil No.: L-00-422**

Dear Judge Legg:

This letter is intended to amend and supplement my status letter to you dated March 26, 2001.

In paragraph 2, I earlier indicated that the Plaintiff will not file a dispositive pretrial motion. Please amend that statement to indicate that the Plaintiff will indeed file a dispositive pretrial motion. In that regard, I have spoken with Mr. Kirtland, attorney for the Defendants and we have agreed, pursuant to Local Rule 105 2.c. to a briefing schedule. As indicated in the Amended Pretrial Scheduling Order, motions for summary judgment are due by May 14, 2001. Accordingly, that will be the beginning date for the briefing sequence as follows:

May 14, 2001 – Defendants' motion for summary judgment to be filed

May 31, 2001 (14 plus 3 days) – Plaintiff's opposition thereto/Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment to be filed

June 18, 2001 (14 plus 3 days) – Defendants' opposition/reply memorandum to be filed

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- ✓ July 3, 2001 (date extended through Judicial Conference weekend) – Plaintiff's reply memorandum to be filed

Further, my client, Hayfield, Inc. has authorized me to inform you that the matter may be referred to a Magistrate Judge of this Court to conduct the proceedings, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c).

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,



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✓ Briefing schedule ending 7/3/2001
Approved.
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